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To return for a moment to the matter of litigation, I am of the opinion that a civil case of prominence benefits our society in that it causes both parties to become more sensitive and responsive to issues that resulted in the suit to begin with. However, there comes a time where the need to resolve the case becomes crucial as it starts to drain productive resources from both parties. Our government's case has reached such a stage. Timing is always of the essence for all parties.

The legal actions to date have forced Microsoft, and many other large corporations, to rethink and modify their business practices; if they have half a brain, which can only benefit the general public. Microsoft's willingness to reach a settlement of this magnitude demonstrates a responsive attitude and finally it brings to a productive conclusion a very expensive and burdensome lawsuit which has had adverse effects on the company's value and productivity during the period of the lawsuit and this too has an adverse effect on many citizens as well. As we have seen in the Enron debacle, stockholders are real people too.

At a time when the economy and our nation are in recovery, I feel settlement of this case to be in the general public's best interest and urge the Attorney General to convey this message to all parties involved.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Enthusiastically,

